

WI-207  
Old Methodist Episcopal Church Parsonage  
Whitehaven  
Private

c. 1890

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DANIEL J. ELLIOTT HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-207

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form



Survey No. WI-207

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DANIEL J. ELLIOTT HOUSE

and/or common METHODIST EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE

## 2. Location

street & number 2709 Church Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Whitehaven ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jefferson Boyer

street &amp; number 2709 Church Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1395 Map65

street &amp; number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 333 P. 27

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Methodist Episcopal Church parsonage, also known as the Daniel J. Elliott house or commonly the Bunting house, stands at 2709 Church Street in Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dated to around 1890, the two-story, three-bay, center hall frame house rests on a minimal brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The low pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the single-pile main block is a two-story ell service wing.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by sidelights and most of the first floor is sheltered by a hip roofed front porch. Lighting the second floor are five two-over-two sash windows. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice which is visually supported by plain pilasters that define the corners of the house.

An exterior, single-flue concrete block chimney rises against the gable end, which is finished with extended eaves and short returns at the base of the roof.

Extending to the back is a two-story service wing with two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. A centrally located brick chimney rises through the low pitched gable roof.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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This house falls into Category C, which identifies dwellings where alterations should be considered carefully, since it is a structure located near a property that has been classified in the A or B category and whose impact on the historic district must be reviewed.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references.

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westover

state MD 2 1871

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
314-7600

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DANIEL J. ELLIOTT HOUSE  
2709 Church Street  
Whitehaven, Maryland  
Chain of title

1395/330 Alice M. Bunting

to

6/8/1994 Jefferson Boyer

JWTS 705/526 Margaret H. Fields, widow

to

3/16/1970 Bernard T. Bunting  
Alice M. Bunting

JWTS 705/524 Bernard T. Bunting  
Alice M. Bunting

to

3/ /1970 Margaret H. Fields, widow

JWTS 500/410 James R. White  
Sara M. White

to

6/30/1960 Bernard T. Bunting  
Alice M. Bunting

JWTS 317/189 Boyd M. Dolbey

to

5/5/1950 James R. White  
Sarah M. White

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DANIEL J. ELLIOTT HOUSE  
2709 Church Street  
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Chain of title continued

IDT 176/42                      William H. Dolbey, et al. Trustees of the  
White Haven Methodist Episcopal Church

to

7/20/1932                      Boyd M. Dolbey

JCK 113/237                      Samuel Irwin Austin  
Lillie E. Austin

to

5/17/1919                      William H. Dolbey  
Jehu D. Dolbey  
C. Wesley Raynor,  
Trustees of the White Haven Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
Property to be used as a parsonage

EAT 77/135                      Frederick L. Denson  
Jetta M. Denson

to

9/26/1911                      Lillie E. Austin, wife of Samuel Irwin Austin  
\$1240.00

EAT 48/359                      Hattie E. Elliott    (Lottie in earlier deed)  
Daniel J. Elliott

to

6/1/1904                      Frederick L. Denson  
\$1200.00



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DANIEL J. ELLIOTT HOUSE  
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Chain of title continued

JTT 11/408

John W. Messick  
Mary E. Messick

to

6/10/1893

Lottie E. Elliott  
\$1050.00 all that house and lot of ground

JTT 9/161

Daniel J. Elliott

to

8/6/1892

John W. Messick  
\$1100.00

FMS 5/267

William K. Leatherbury  
Lillian Leatherbury

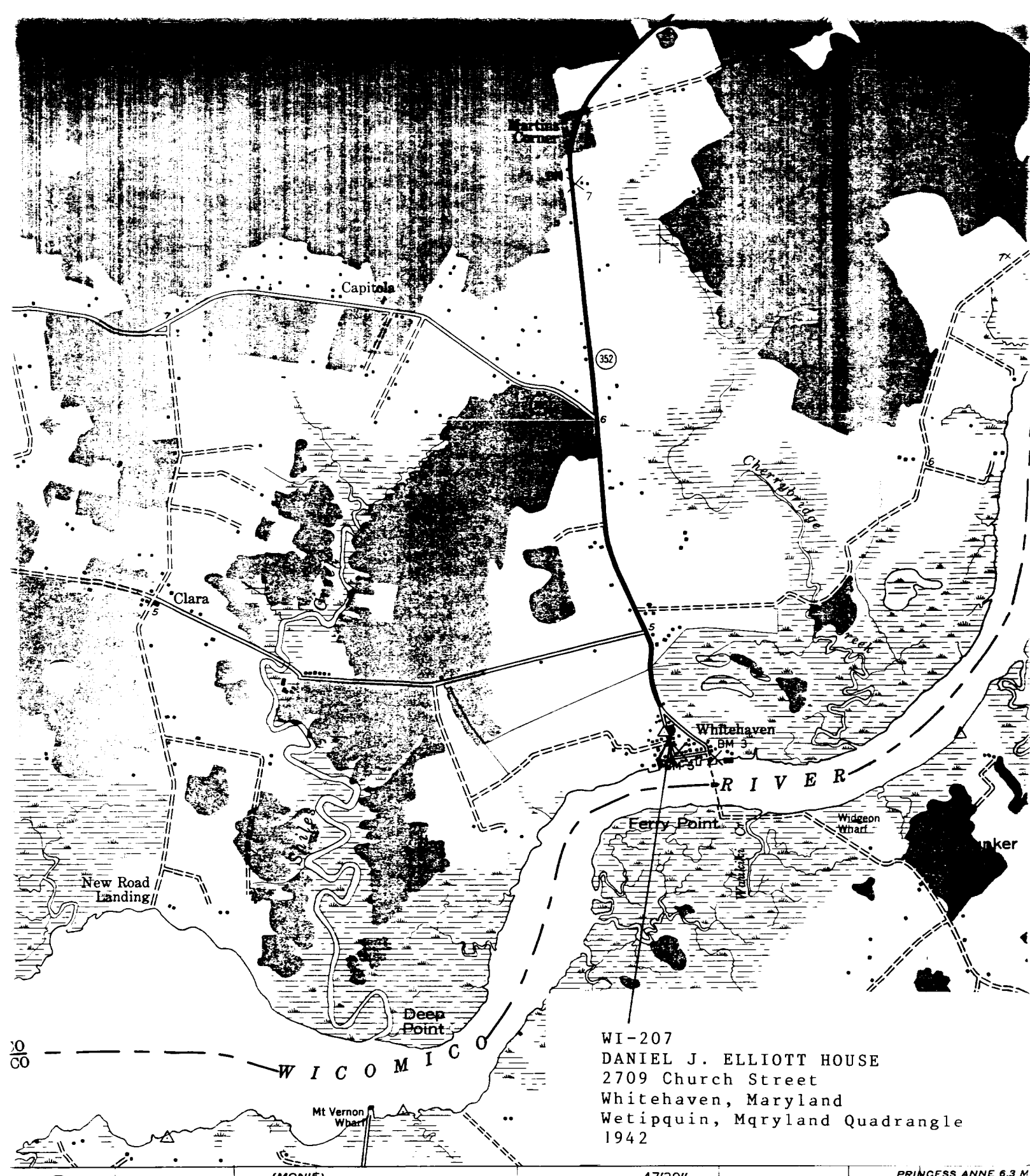
to

9/21/1889

Lottie E. Elliott  
\$75.00 lot

The map shows a residential area with various plots labeled P. The plots are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some plots being larger than others. The plots are labeled with codes such as P.115, P.49, P.50, P.53, P.51, P.54, P.117, P.149, P.8, P.123, P.47, P.48, P.32, P.31, P.30, P.29, P.28, P.27, P.26, P.36, P.13, P.12, P.37, P.38, P.39, P.40, P.41, P.42, P.120, P.119, P.46, P.44, P.45, P.32, P.11, P.12, P.13, P.14, P.15, P.16, P.17, P.18, P.19, P.20, P.21, P.22, P.23, P.24, P.25, P.26, P.27, P.28, P.29, P.30, P.31, P.32, P.33, P.34, P.35, P.36, P.37, P.38, P.39, P.40, P.41, P.42, P.43, P.44, P.45, P.46, P.47, P.48, P.49, P.50, P.51, P.52, P.53, P.54, P.55, P.56, P.57, P.58, P.59, P.60, P.61, P.62, P.63, P.64, P.65, P.66, P.67, P.68, P.69, P.70, P.71, P.72, P.73, P.74, P.75, P.76, P.77, P.78, P.79, P.80, P.81, P.82, P.83, P.84, P.85, P.86, P.87, P.88, P.89, P.90, P.91, P.92, P.93, P.94, P.95, P.96, P.97, P.98, P.99, P.100. A specific plot is highlighted with a red box and labeled P.117.

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DANIEL J. ELLIOTT HOUSE  
2709 Church Street  
Wicomico County Tax Map 65  
Parcel 27



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